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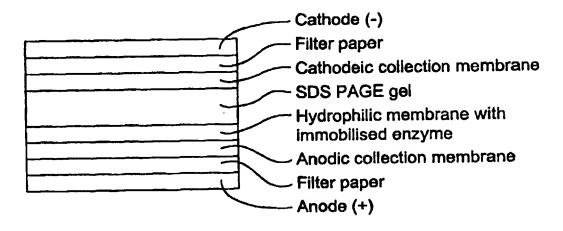
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Polypeptides which have been separated by gel electrophoresis can be identified or characterised by a procedure which has two main stages. In the first stage the gel is digested with a polypeptide-cleaving agent such as an enzyme. This produces mainly large fragments which, in the second stage are electroblotted through a hydrophilic membrane on which is immobilised another polypeptide-cleaving reagent such as an enzyme onto a hydrophobic member, typically a membrane, e.g. of PVDF. The resulting fragments, usually peptides, are identified, preferably by MALDI-TOF MS, or a property may be determined, e.g. by interaction with an antibody.